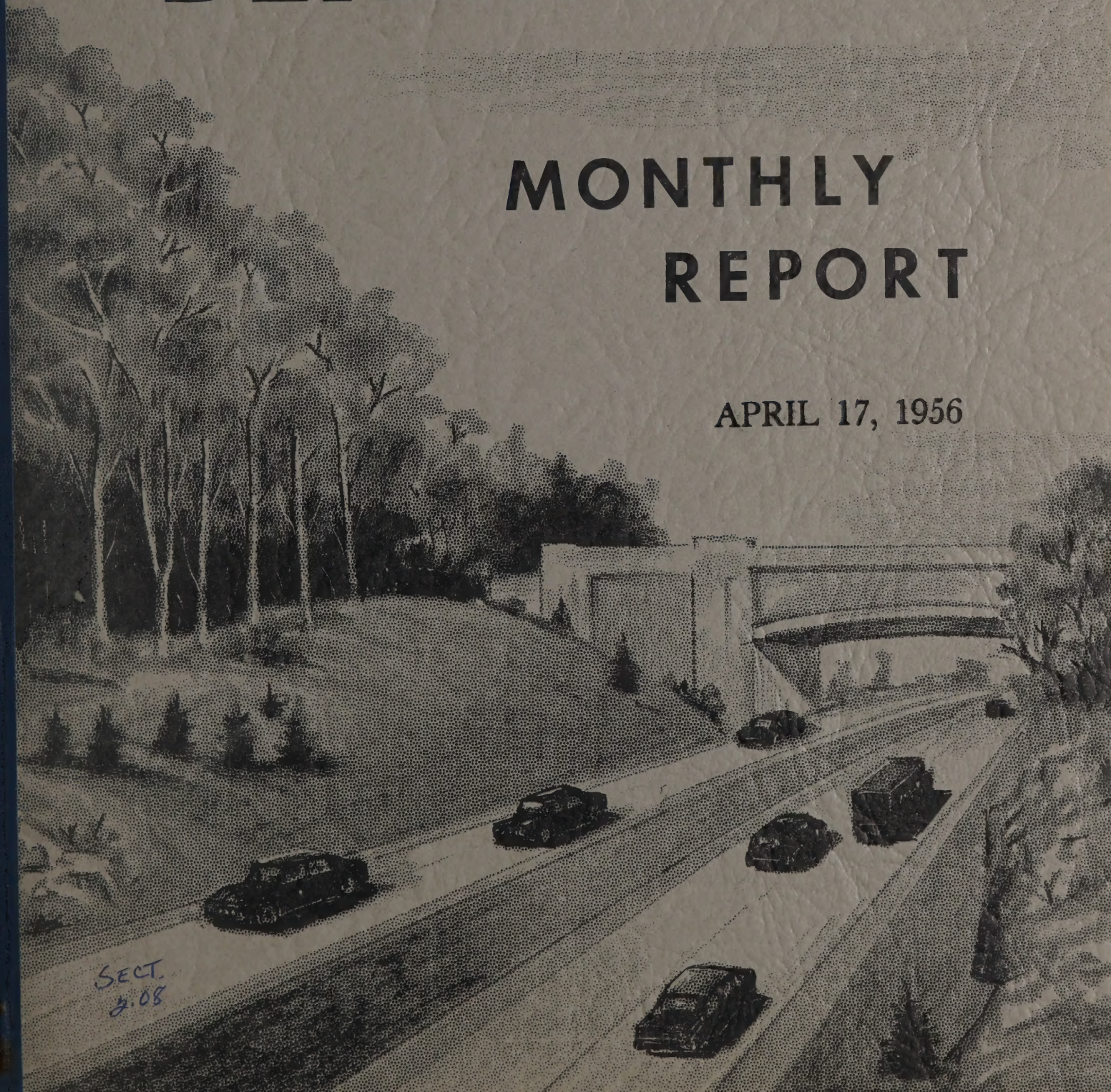


# STATE HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

## MONTHLY REPORT

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Just to round out the day the Turnpike Extension opening was attended.

#### TURNPIKE EXTENSION APPROACHES (Newark-Jersey City)

On April 6 the Jersey City approaches to the Turnpike Extension were discussed with the Port Authority (A-233) as well as the Highway Department's suggested alignment for extending the approaches north to the vicinity of the Lincoln Tunnel which when done will be taken over by the Highway Department. At this meeting the Commissioner made a "side arrangement" with the Port Authority that they would turn over certain funds to the Department for the construction of the route. When completed such a road would not only provide an urgently needed improvement but would in effect link the Holland and Lincoln Tunnels.

#### MISCELLANEOUS MEETINGS

During the month the usual complement of daily meetings was held with officials and groups from all parts of the state, each with the "only" problem. Among these more or less routine visits were: interviews with industrial engineering firms relative to the possibility of a study of Delaware River Joint Toll Bridge operations; interviews with applicants for executive director of the Commission (none of whom would fill the bill and all of whom wanted too much money for the job); meetings with labor leaders re: Davis-Bacon Act. Told them we were already paying top dollar and would not join with any opposition to the provisions of the bill.



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William Gaffney dropped in to say that the Petroleum Institute would go along with the Boggs bill for financing the Federal highway program.

Lengthy discussions were held with William Kelly re: personnel matters, primarily in respect to the Governor's increased pay program for State employees. We are fortified with charts and essential data to present the facts to Senator Forbes.

On March 15 in Atlantic County we met with Senators Farley and Hannold and Atlantic County officials to discuss the Tri-County Toll Road. As a result we will go deeper into the financial and traffic analysis to determine feasibility, if any.

Among the mayors we met with during the past month were Mayor Carlin, of Newark, re: alignment of E-W Freeway and plans for traffic signals and lighting on Route 21; Mayor Popowski, of Sayreville, re: industrial route south of the suggested line of the (Perth Amboy-Bound Brook) Middlesex Freeway - no commitments; Mayor Manning, of Parsippany, re: alignment of U.S. 202 in his area. We will meet on the grounds at a later date to go over his ideas.

Other meetings were held with Senator Mathis, N.Y. Regional Plan, Attorney General Richman, Consultants on the Turnpike approaches in Jersey City; Mayor Kenny, Commissioner Spence and ex-Mayor Clark re: Bayonne industrial route which we plan to improve at an early date and which is being reviewed by the Bureau of Public Roads at present.



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In dealing with these people it was found necessary to take a firm stand as to just how and when decisions in respect to this route would be made and where the responsibility lay. Some of our visitors overlooked the fact this Department would make all decisions rather than relinquish this responsibility and have them made at the county level.

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March 20 - Route 3, Hackensack River Bridge Fender reconstruction.	\$26,975.00
March 27 - Aerial Surveys - northern section	19,525.00
Aerial Surveys - southern section	45,380.00
April 3 - Route 21, Newark - Planting	4,390.64
April 3 - Route U. S. 202 - Sec. 1B - Paving	1,318,634.35
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April 24 - Route U.S. 46 - Widening and resurfacing.

April 24 - Route U.S. 22 - Barrier curb and turn-arounds.

May 1 - Route U.S. 1 - Amboy Avenue.

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